



## SCANDINAVIAN & OTHER NORDIC MYSTERIES

One reason for the sudden prominence of Scandinavian crime on U.S. shelves is the region's newly found diversity since the break down of the Soviet Union and the resulting culture clash in a once very insular society. Henning Mankell's *Faceless Killers* appeared in the U.S. in 1997, introducing readers to struggling police inspector Kurt Wallander who is so unlike the American hard-boiled hero and just as compelling. Mankell began the influx of Scandinavian authors who write about post-iron curtain crime and the new opportunities for corruption that occurs with the opening of borders.  
(Ott, Bill. "A Hard-Boiled Gazetteer to Scandinavia," Booklist, May 1, 2007, p.8-11).

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<http://www.wakefieldlibrary.org/lists/zrascandinavianmys.htm>

### **Karin Alvtegen**

- Non-series mysteries set in Sweden

### **Kjell Ola Dahl**

- Frank Frolich: detective inspector in Oslo, Norway

### **Åke Edwardson**

- Jonathan Wide: divorced ex-policeman turned private detective, in Gothenburg, Sweden
- Erik Winter: jazz-loving Chief Inspector of police, in Gothenburg, Sweden

### **Kerstin Ekman**

- Non-series mysteries set in Sweden

### **Kjell Eriksson**

- Ann Lindell and Ola Haver: detectives in the Violent Crime Division, in Uppsala, Sweden

### **Karin Fossum**

- Inspector Konrad Sejer: working in a small mountain village in Norway

### **Peter Hoeg**

- Smilla Jaspersen, a rebellious, stubborn, tough, fearless Eskimo woman who's spent most of her life in Copenhagen, seeks the truth about her young neighbor's death (*Smilla's Sense of Snow*)

### **Anne Holt**

- Inspector Adam Stubo and Johanne Vik, university psychology professor and former FBI profiler, from Oslo, Norway

### **Arnaldur Indridason**

- Erlendur Sveinsson: detective inspector, and his colleagues Sigurdur Oli and Elinborg, in Reykjavik, Iceland

**Mari Jungstedt**

- Anders Knutas: inspector from Gotland, Sweden

**Michael Larsen**

- Martin Molberg, a Copenhagen newspaper reporter, must prove he didn't murder his girlfriend (*Uncertainty*)

**Åsa Larsson**

- Rebecka Martinsson: tax attorney in Stockholm, called back to her hometown Kiruna, north of the Arctic Circle, in Sweden

**Henning Mankell**

- Kurt Wallander: inspector in Ystad, Sweden
- Linda Wallander: just graduated from the police academy, in Ystad, Sweden

**Liza Marklund**

- Annika Bengtzon, Swedish reporter

**Jo Nesbø**

- Non-series mysteries set in Norway

**Håkan Nesser**

- Chief Inspector Van Veeteren: veteran of 30 years of police work who appreciates fine food and drink, in a country that resembles Sweden

**Tiina Nunnally**

- Margit Andersson, a Scandinavian-American freelance translator in Seattle

**Pernille Rygg**

- Igi Heitmann: research psychologist from Oslo, Norway

**Yrsa Sigurðardóttir**

- Thora Gudmundsdottir: lawyer in Reykjavik, Iceland

**Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö**

- Martin Beck: police inspector in Stockholm, Sweden

**Johan Theorin**

- *Echoes from the Dead*, his 2008 debut, is the winner of Sweden's Best First Crime Novel Award

**Helene Tursten**

- Irene Huss: detective inspector in the Violent Crimes Unit in Goteborg, Sweden

**Jan Costin Wagner**

- Kimmo Joentaa: Finnish police detective